

## PRESS RELEASE

### Heathfield School students celebrate exceptional A level results

*Sixth formers' talents shine in all subjects.*



*Heathfield sixth formers celebrate A Level success – please click [here](#) for high res image*

Heathfield School in Ascot – rated ‘Excellent’ across all areas by the Independent Schools Inspectorate – is celebrating another year of exceptional A-level results with nearly 40% of its students’ results securing A\*/A, 64.4% A\* to B and 82.2% A\* to C.

The English department has marked its most successful year to date with all girls gaining A\* or A grades. Performance in Maths was also outstanding with 67% of students securing A\* or A and 50% an A\* in Further Maths. Other results of note included Biology in which 40% of students secured an A\* or A, Photography in which 44% attained an A\* or A, Art in which 40% secured an A and Religious Studies in which 80% of the girls secured an A.

An impressive number of students are destined for leading Russell Group universities such as Exeter, Edinburgh and Warwick and other leading universities to study a broad range of

subjects including Computer Science, Maths, Modern Languages, Biochemistry, Psychology, Politics, Art History and Photography.

Standout students include A\*A\*A student Victoria who plans to study Computer Science at Exeter; A\*AA student Jasmine who will go on to study English at St Andrews; Zofia who achieved AAA and will be going to Exeter to study Psychology; Esme who attained A\*AA; Freddie with AAA who will proceed to Kings College, London to study Biochemistry and Frida who achieved A\*AB and will be studying Art at the London College of Fashion.

Several students are pursuing their passion for business at higher levels including Harriet who secured A\*AB and will proceed to Edinburgh University to study Business with Marketing. Harriet was also awarded Heathfield's 'Bearing Cup' at Speech Day for demonstrating consistently high standards exemplifying the wider life skills and ethos of the school.

Business-related studies feature strongly in this year's A' level cohort – a testimony to the success of Heathfield's extensive initiatives to teach young women about business and entrepreneurship - skills that offer tangible advantages in life after school and prepare them for the world of work.

The school provides students with a multitude of opportunities and events to inspire them across a diverse range of industries. Some of the highlights this year included an expert speaker programme, independent learning and enterprise projects, a biennial fashion show, PSHE workshops, and a structured careers programme.

Heathfield girls have continued to excel in the arts and a number of award-winning students will be taking their creative passions and talents in this area further at university. Charlotte, who won prizes for music, drama and theatre studies, will be studying Photography at Manchester Metropolitan University; Katia will study Film, Television and Radio at Staffordshire University; and Beatrice will pursue Photography at Oxford Brookes. In addition Tatiana has been offered an unprecedented degree level place in Fine Art at Camberwell, University of Arts London.

"Here at Heathfield we place tremendous value on drawing out each and every girl's strengths and nurturing her unique talent to enable her to fulfil her dreams and potential," said Headmistress Marina Gardiner Legge. "I'm so proud of their achievements across Maths, Science, Modern Foreign Languages, the Humanities and Arts. We have watched our sixth formers blossom into well-rounded and confident individuals, and their exceptional A level results this year reflect their determination and hard work, supported all the way by our dedicated staff and parents. They are also kind, resilient, morally strong and great company and therefore leave Heathfield well equipped to deal with the world's challenges. I am very proud of every one of them.

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## **Notes to Editors:**

### **About Heathfield School**

Heathfield School in Ascot - rated Excellent by the Independent Schools Inspectorate - is a leading independent secondary boarding and day school for girls aged 11-18.

Founded in 1899, the school was one of the first to understand that students must be settled and free from anxiety if they are to do well. The school has recently adopted the computer-based CEM entrance assessment as it is designed to evaluate potential, rather than knowledge. Tutoring or preparation is therefore unnecessary. This enables staff to see the whole girl and identify her individual potential.

The small size and high ratio of staff to students means that the school can accommodate individual learning styles. Every girl receives dedicated, personalised attention and subsequently develops persistence, character, confidence and the desire to achieve. Believing that happy, confident girls succeed, staff place a high premium on pastoral care and providing a safe, harmonious and stable environment where girls can flourish.

A wide range of extracurricular activities and a rich programme of sport, music, drama and the arts ensure that Heathfield girls have a strong track record in many different careers.

As well as its outstanding academic achievements, Heathfield is also noted for its sporting success. Sport not only promotes a healthy lifestyle, but also offers a chance to develop leadership skills and team work. The students are highly competitive and renowned for taking on and beating much bigger teams. This confidence spills over into other areas as well. Heathfield girls like winning but also understand the value of team efforts and spirit.